## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **Iowa Special Education Advisory Panel**

The Iowa Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) advises and assists the Iowa Department of Education with the provision of free and appropriate public education for individuals with disabilities. It exists by authority of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide guidance on special education programs and services.

The lowa Department of Education is seeking new members for the advisory panel who are willing to serve a three-year term. Members of SEAP represent public and private sectors that by virtue of their position, interest, or training can contribute information in regard to the education of students with disabilities. The Individual with Disabilities Education Act requires certain categories of representation on state advisory councils.

The SEAP currently meets as a group at least four-five times a year in the Des Moines area. Lodging, mileage and child-care are reimbursed. Additional committee work time may be necessary.

If you are interested, or if you know of someone else who would be a good representative on this panel please ask him or her to submit the enclosed form. The Director of the Iowa Department of Education appoints members. If you have further questions please contact Steve Maurer, Panel Facilitator, 515/281-3576, email: <a href="mailto:steve.maurer@ed.state.ia.us">steve.maurer@ed.state.ia.us</a> or Susan White, secretary, 515/281-4030, email: <a href="mailto:susan.white@ed.state.ia.us">susan.white@ed.state.ia.us</a>.